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Records of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution,
Framingham, Mass., reflect Saxe's parole eligibility date as
3-25-83.

Boston is transmitting the above information to the
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A 10-year search

Kathy Power still on FBI's 'wanted' list

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Once a person's name is placed on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, it takes the bureau an average of 157 days to get its man or woman.

But, almost a decade after her name was added to the list, Katherine Ann (Kathy) Power, onetime Brandeis University student, antiwar activist and accused bank robber and murderer of a Boston policeman, still eludes the FBI. The reward, which the bureau chooses to call a "locator's fee" and which was increased to as much as \$10,000 (depending upon the quality of the tip) two years ago, has apparently failed to produce an informant.

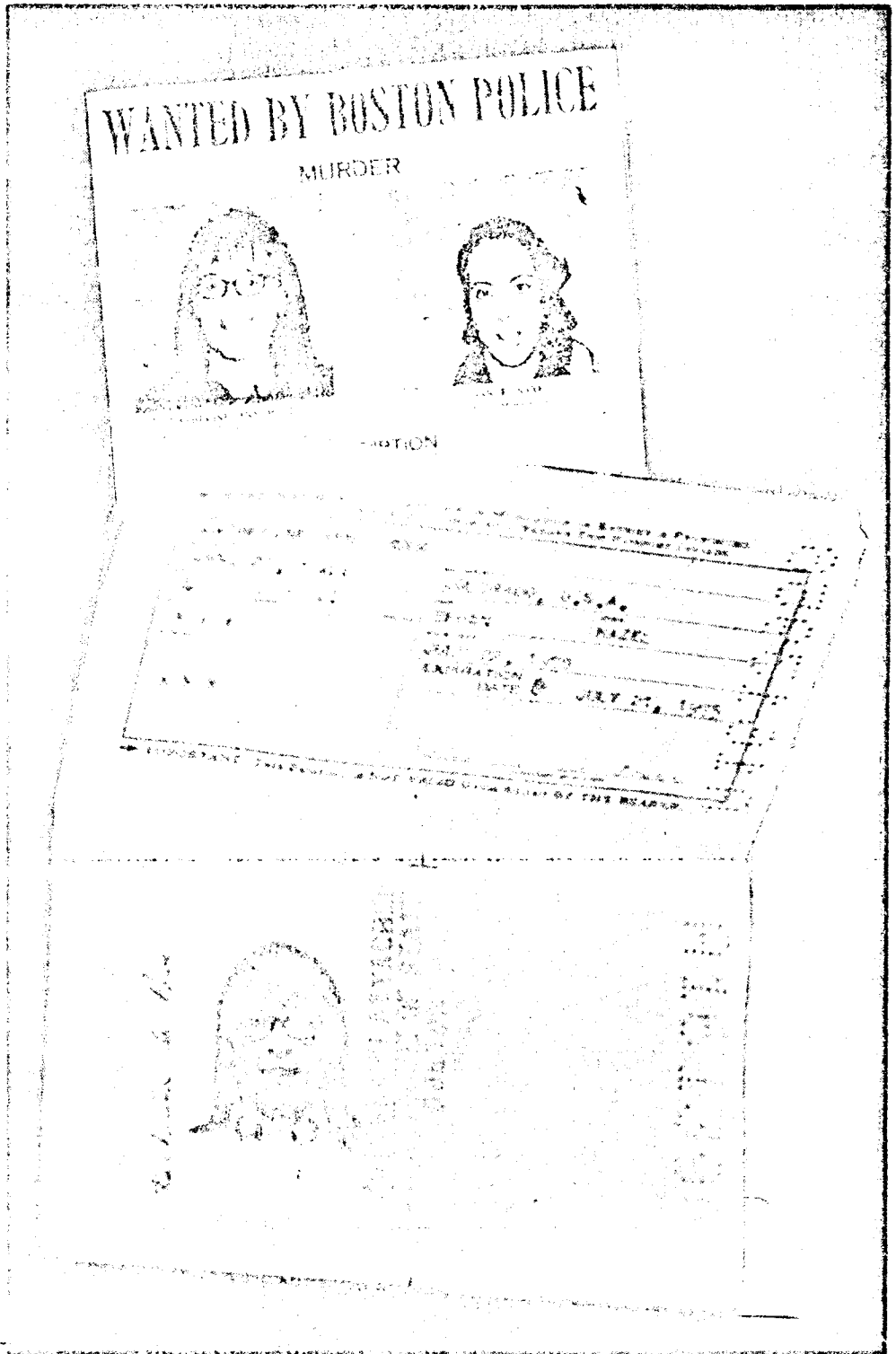
Slowly, either through capture or surrender, most of the radicals and revolutionaries who made the law enforcement hit parade of the early '70s have surfaced. Angela Davis, Eldridge Cleaver and assorted Weathermen have returned from the underground.

Mark Rudd, who made himself a legend during the student riots at Columbia University in 1968, turned himself in in September 1977 to face charges of criminal trespass and of jumping bail.

And earlier this month, Weatherman Cathlyn Wilkerson, facing considerably stiffer charges — illegal possession of dynamite and criminally negligent homicide — surrendered to authorities.

Wilkerson disappeared in March 1970 from the ashes and rubble of her broadcast executive father's posh West Village townhouse in New York, which the Weathermen were, it appears, using as a bomb factory in his absence. The accidental detonation of a dynamite bomb being assembled in the basement had blown the townhouse to pieces and killed three of Wilkerson's comrades in the revolutionary Weatherman cadre that had evolved out of SDS (Students for a Democratic Society): Diana Oughton, Theodore Gold and Terry Robbins.

Yesterday, Wilkerson, who said she wanted to avoid a sensationalized trial, pleaded guilty in New York to possession of dynamite. Because she agreed to plead to



ing of Boston Police Officer Walter Schroeder, McNamara told reporters, was the work of "radical revolutionaries" who intended to use the money to finance the fight against the Vietnam War.

continue their antiwar work and in August had gone to court seeking to keep the center open in the face of efforts by Brandeis to close it. Waltham assessors had moved to tax the building because it housed a "politi-

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It was a fascinating story, and over the years reporters sifted through the histories of the class poet from Albany (Saxe) and the valedictorian from a public school in Denver (Power) in search of clues to the forces that transformed model children into revolutionaries and/or robbers.

While police quickly tracked and captured Valeri, Bond and Gilday, Saxe and Power were another matter. The two had disappeared without a trace after the robbery. Their disappearance underground became the first for further news stories with headlines like *Search for Brandeis Food Fugitives a Dead End and Still Most Wanted*; Susan Saxe, Kathy Power.

In October 1970, their names were placed on the FBI 10 Most Wanted list, which at the time read like a Who's Who of American radicals.

The previous May, the bureau had discovered that 10 slots on the Most Wanted list were insufficient. With the addition of H. Rap Brown, the 10 Most Wanted became in fact 11. When the bureau decided that Saxe and Power should be added, the list reached an all-time high of 16, more than half of whom were political militants and/or antiwar activists.

But, while Angela Davis, Bernadine Doherty and H. Rap Brown were radical celebrities, Saxe and Power were obscure until their names burst into the headlines. Neither had been involved in SDS or the Weathermen.

Today the FBI list is back to 10 names and, save for Power, all are ordinary career criminals. Only one person, Charles Lee Hutton, who's wanted for killing a policeman in Nashville, Tenn., has eluded the FBI for a longer time. He's been missing since 1938.

Saxe, reportedly Power's companion for most of 4½ years underground, was arrested by a Philadelphia policeman on a downtown street in March 1975. Whether this arrest was a fluke (the officer had reportedly just emerged from a briefing during which Saxe's photo was shown) or the result of a tip from an informant, as some believe, is unclear.

Saxe's fall 1976 trial here for armed robbery and felony murder ended in a mistrial when the jury failed to agree. Rather than face a retrial before a judge whom many defense lawyers regarded as biased against defendants, Saxe in January 1977 pleaded guilty to manslaughter and received a 12 1/4 year sentence, which she is now serving at MCI Framingham.

As for Power, the FBI believes she is alive, and hopes to eventually find her through the dogged pursuit of every lead and supposed sighting that turns up. Most of the tips don't pan out.

"We don't have any hot leads," says Special Agent Lawrence Sarhat, in charge of the bureau's Boston office.

For the most part, the bureau is continuing a "routine investigation."

of the Power case, which involves periodic circulation of her description and photo on a poster. The latest photo the FBI has published of Power is a blurry picture obtained from a bank camera in 1974.

Otis Cox from the FBI's press office in Washington says the bureau has other "more recent" photos, but he declined to tell when and where they were taken or why they haven't been published on the posters, because this information was part of "an ongoing investigation."

Has the FBI had any trace of Power since 1974, when it was discovered that Saxe and Power, under the aliases Lena Paley and May Kelly, had been living and working in Lexington, Ky., and traveling in feminist and lesbian circles?

"The last publicized place was Lexington, Ky.," Cox carefully replied. "There are many places it's turned out she has been."

Where and when, he was asked? "I can't tell. It's part of an ongoing investigation."

As reports surrounding the Wilkeson surrender indicated, there are still a number of antiwar radicals missing, but few face charges as serious as Power.

In May 1979, the FBI dropped federal pursuit of Weatherpersons Kathy Boudin, Bernadine Doherty, John (JJ) Jacobs, Michael Spiegel and Jeffrey Powell, all of whom were wanted for charges stemming from riots during the antiwar Days of Rage in Chicago.



WALTER A. SCHROEDER
Killed in Brighton holdup

in October 1969 and for fleeing to avoid prosecution. The FBI says it abandoned the pursuit because Cook County officials could no longer assure that they would extradite and prosecute these cases.

David Cupprish of the Cook County State's Attorney's office says that his office could not guarantee prosecution because of the age of the cases. Not only is it difficult to locate witnesses after a decade, but their recollection of events becomes less reliable with each passing year.

Nevertheless, Cook County has not closed its files on those involved in the Days of Rage. If some of the accused are caught, prosecutors say they will evaluate on a case-by-case basis the possibility of going to trial.

Resides Power, the only other political radicals still sought by the FBI are Silas Bissel, wanted for sabotage in Seattle, and Weatherman Jeffrey Jones, charged with unlawful possession of explosives and unlawful interstate flight to avoid prosecution.